

Senate Referrals: S. 1396 and S. 2339 were referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; S. 1858 and S. 1916 were referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; S. 2400 was referred to the Committee on Armed Services; S. 2488 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; S. 1839 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs; and S. 1585, S. 2338, S. 274, S. 781, and S. 2096 were held at the desk. **Page H15735**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eleven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H15513, H15513–14, H15515, H15515–16, H15525–26, H15526, H15526–27, H15527, H15725, H15725–26, H15726–27. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and at 11:56 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 880, it stands adjourned in memory of the late Honorable Julia Carson.

Committee Meetings

SENATE AMENDMENT—STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a voice vote, a rule making in order a motion by the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations to concur in the Senate amendment with each of the two House amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI and provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule provides for a division of the question of adoption of the motion between the two House amendments. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey and Representative Broun of Georgia.

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE AMENDMENT—ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted by a voice vote, a rule making in order a motion by the Majority Leader or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the motion except clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule pro-

vides one hour of debate in the House on the motion equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their designees. The rule further provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker. Finally, the rule provides that the House shall not conduct organizational or legislative business on the first legislative day of the second session of the 110th Congress.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by non-record vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain rules reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any rule reported on or before the legislative day of December 19, 2007, providing for consideration or disposition of any of the following measures: (1) a bill relating to the Children's Health Insurance Program, or an amendment thereto; (2) a bill relating to Medicare, or an amendment thereto; (3) a bill relating to the alternative minimum tax, or an amendment thereto; (4) a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, or an amendment thereto; and (5) the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, or an amendment thereto.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1634)

H.R. 3688, to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement. Signed on December 14, 2007. (Public Law 110–138)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary Beth Long, of Virginia, and James Shinn, of New Jersey, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and Craig W. Duehring, of Minnesota, and John H. Gibson, of Texas, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carl T. Johnson, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline